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coast if they were not so expensive. An

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will cost the country several millions of

dollars, and the good to be derived

from them is ridiculously out of pro-

portion to the sum expended.

A lot of supposedly sane, sensible

men, wading about the ocean and

swimming up and down the coast

playing a game of hide and seek with

the government's great fighting ma-

chines. Suppose the "enemies" fleet

does manage to slip by the coast guard-

ians and effect a landing at some ac-

cessible point, what will have been

proven? Nothing, except that one

American admiral is a little shrewder

than another American admiral, and

that weather conditions favored one

and acted as a detriment to the other.

The whole business, the booming of

blank cartridges, the flying hither and

thither with foolish messages, the ex-

cited men watching and all that, are

child's play, if the money being wasted

on these puerile maneuvers were ex-

pended in target practice there might

be some shadow of excuse for the out-

lay. As it is, the people who pay the

taxes have just grounds for entering a

protest.

During our war with Spain the only

preparation that had an active bearing

on the result was the target practice.

Our sailors had been taught to shoot

straight and to shoot quickly. When

the time came they responded unerr-

ingly, and the Spanish fleets were

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